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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING AND

TREATING NOVEL ELASTOMER COMPOSITES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above referenced application, please enter the following amendments.

In the Specification:

Please insert the following new paragraph before the first sentence in the specification:

--This application is a divisional application of and claims priority to application Serial No. 09/549,051 filed April 13, 2000, and claims priority to provisional application Serial No. 60/129,791, filed on April 16, 1999, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1- 10 and 14.

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REMARKS

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credits to our Deposit Account 19-0733.

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